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January 10, 1994

Mr. William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W. - Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petition to Amend FM Table of Assignments 73.202(b)  
Bridgeport, Alabama  
Channel 254A

Dear Secretary:

Pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules, please find enclosed an original and four copies of the above styled Petition for Rulemaking on behalf of Deborah M. Thompson.

Please don't hesitate to call me should you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,



Kirk A. Tollett  
Consultant to Deborah M. Thompson

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Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)	)	Docket No. _____
Table of Assignments,	)	RM _____
FM Broadcast Stations	)	
Bridgeport, Alabama	)	

To: Chief, Policy and Rules Division

**PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

Deborah M. Thompson, (hereinafter "Petitioner"), pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules, respectfully petitions the Commission to institute a rulemaking proceeding looking toward the assignment of FM Channel 254A to Bridgeport, Alabama, and to amend Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules as follows:

City	Channel Number	
	Present	Proposed
Bridgeport, Alabama		254A

In support whereof the following is shown:

1. As reflected in the attached technical exhibit, prepared by Commsouth Media Associates, the requested assignment of FM Channel 254A at Bridgeport, Alabama, can be made in full compliance with all applicable minimum mileage separations and other technical requirements under the Commission's Rules. Further, Channel 254A can be assigned to Bridgeport, Alabama without any other changes in the Table of Assignments.

2. Bridgeport, Alabama is an incorporated town located at the north eastern corner of Jackson County. Bridgeport has its own local government with an elected Mayor and Town Council, a local Police force as well as fire department and local water utility department. Bridgeport has several local branch banks, Post Office, as well as a county funded Elementary and High School. 1990 U.S. Census figures for the of the Town of Bridgeport was 2,936 persons. The 1990 Census figures for Jackson County were 47,796.

3. It is the long standing policy of the Commission as mandated by Congress to allow the most efficient use of available spectrum in order to advance the public interest, convenience, and necessity. While Bridgeport does have a daytime only AM facility, there is no FM broadcast facility currently licensed to Bridgeport, Alabama. Therefore, if adopted this proposal would provide first full-time local service to the community of Bridgeport, Alabama.

4. As can be ascertained from the attached declaration, if Channel 254A is allocated to Bridgeport, Alabama, petitioner will promptly apply for a construction permit for the new FM broadcast station, and if a construction permit is granted, petitioner will promptly construct and operate the station for which she is licensed.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Commission should amend Section 73.202(b) of its Rules by allocating FM Channel 254A to Bridgeport, Alabama.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kirk A. Tollett

Consultant to Deborah M. Thompson

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**DECLARATION**

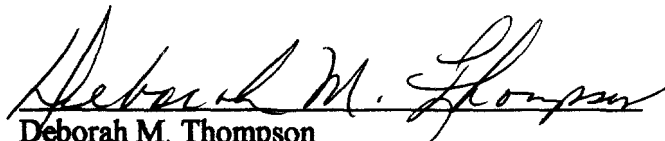
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I, Deborah M. Thompson, hereby certify that:

1. That I am a citizen of the United States and of the State of Alabama.
2. I am a petitioner requesting the Federal Communications Commission institute the appropriate Rulemaking to allocate FM Radio Channel 254A (98.7 MHz) to the town of Bridgeport, Alabama.
3. I have retained Kirk A. Tollett and Commsouth Media Associates to assist me in the preparation and filing of the required technical exhibits to facilitate the aforementioned rulemaking.
4. If FM Channel 254A or an equivalent channel is allocated to Bridgeport, Alabama, I will promptly apply; either individually or as an entity of which I am a part, for a construction permit to operate the new FM broadcast station. If a construction permit is granted, I or an entity of which I am a part, will promptly construct and operate the station for which I am licensed.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true.

Signed and dated this 8th day of January, 1994



Deborah M. Thompson

Petitioner

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Scottsboro, Alabama 35768

## **ENGINEERING STATEMENT**

**Deborah M. Thompson**

**Bridgeport, Alabama**

**January, 1994**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This engineering exhibit has been prepared on behalf of Deborah M. Thompson, in support of a Petition for Rulemaking, requesting a change in the FM Table of Assignments, Paragraph 73.202(b) of the FCC Rules as follows:

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Location	Present	Proposed
Bridgeport, Alabama	None	254A

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As can be gleaned from the attached exhibits, Channel 254A can be added to the Federal Communications Commission Table of Assignments with out the necessity of any other changes and without the creation of any new preclusion area.

### **DISCUSSION**

Figure 1 is a full scale reproduction of a portion of a U.S.G.S. 1:250,000 map entitled "Rome, Georgia". Upon it has been superimposed a cross mark which represents the coordinates utilized in the preparation of this Report. The geographic coordinates selected for this study were:

N 34° 53' 40"

W 85° 36' 30"

This site is located approximately 9.7 kilometers east-southeast of Bridgeport, Alabama.

Figure 1, details the area of Bridgeport and the pertinent arcs from all co-channel as well as adjacent channel facilities, allocated, assigned or operational within 200 miles of the proposed allocation. It is believed that there is ample clearance to locate a tower site that would place the required unobstructed city grade signal, (70 dBu), over the entire City of Bridgeport.

Figure 2, is a computer generated allocation study using the Commission's specified method of distance computations, demonstrating the assignability of FM Channel 254A to Bridgeport, Alabama. The information contained in Figure 2, was utilized in preparation of the pertinent arcs contained in Figure 1.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on this information, and the figures that are included in this Report, we believe that the proposed assignment would be in full compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Rules, and that Channel 254A could be assigned to Bridgeport, Alabama as that communities first local broadcast service.

Therefore, Deborah M. Thompson, respectfully requests amendment of the Commission's Table of Assignments, Section 73.202(b), and will promptly apply for a construction permit, should the Federal Communications Commission make the requested assignment.

Respectfully,



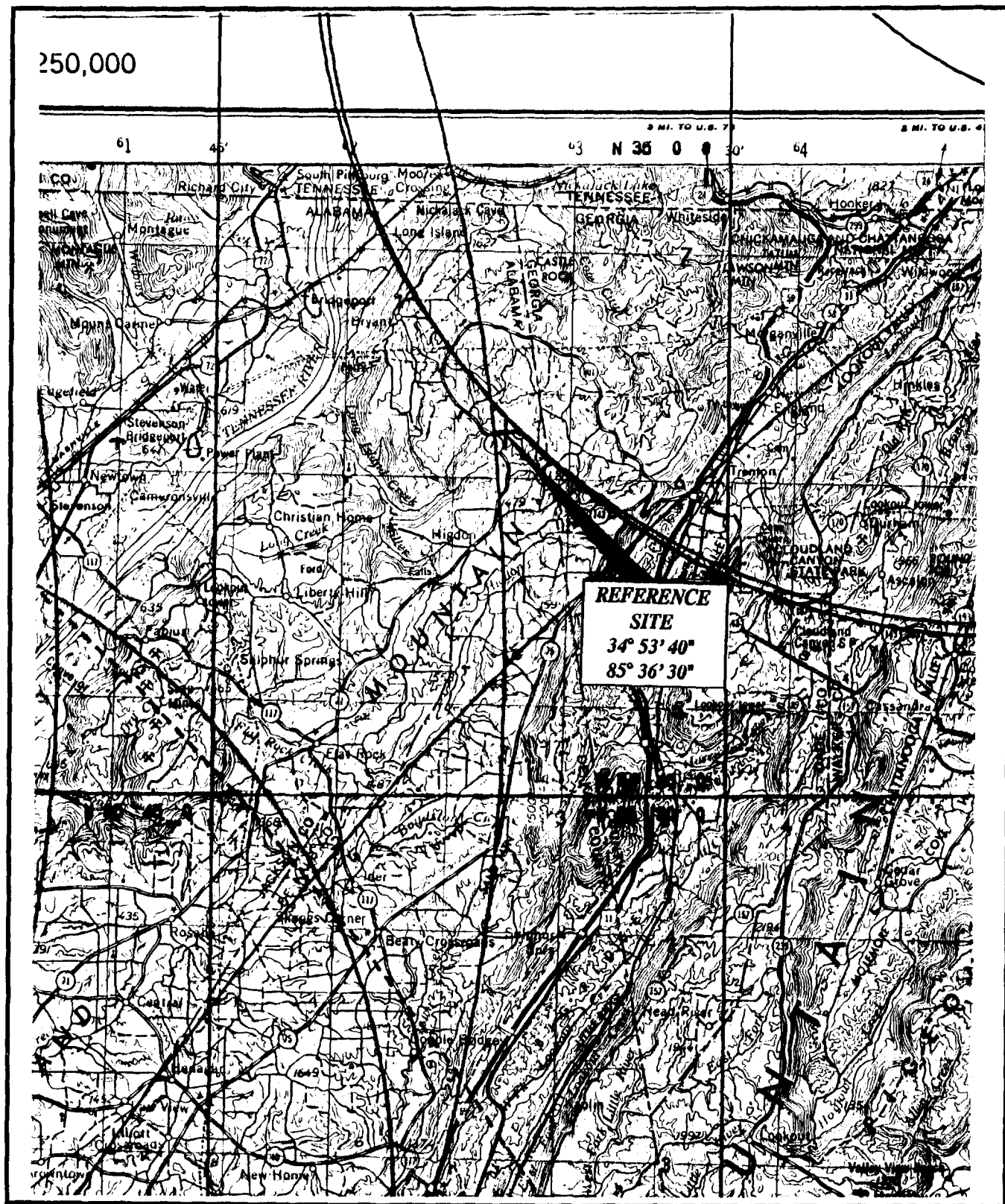
Kirk A. Tollett

January 7, 1994

**FIGURE 2**  
**SEPARATION STUDY**  
**Deborah M. Thompson**  
**Channel 254A**  
**BRIDGEPORT, ALABAMA**

Search Conducted from  
N34° 53' 40"  
W85° 36' 30"

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN				DIST	CLEARANCE
(None)	Signal Mount	TN	251A	0000	USED	35-05-33, 85-22-07	31.0	0.0
WVXA	Signal Mount	TN	251A	01.0	CP	35-05-15, 85-21-50	30.9	-0.0
WKEAFM	Scottsboro	AL	252A	2.35	LIC	34-35-22, 85-59-31	48.8	17.8
(None)	Scottsboro	AL	252A	0000	USED	34-35-22, 85-59-31	48.8	17.8
(None)	Atlanta	GA	253C	0000	USED	33-45-35, 84-20-07	172.0	7.0
WSBFM	Atlanta	GA	253C	100.	LIC	33-45-35, 84-20-07	172.0	7.0
WHUBFM	Cookeville	TN	253C2	050.	LIC	36-08-34, 85-28-02	139.1	33.1
(None)	Cookeville	TN	253C2	0000	USED	36-08-34, 85-28-02	139.1	33.1
WFFN	Cordova	AL	254C3	0000	ADD	33-46-38, 87-07-45	186.9	44.9
(None)	Warrior	AL	254A	0000	USED	33-50-13, 86-48-36	161.2	46.2
WLBI	Warrior	AL	254A	0000	DEL	33-50-13, 86-48-36	161.2	46.2
WLBI	Warrior	AL	254C3	0000	ADD	33-53-04, 86-52-01	161.1	19.1
(None)	Chatsworth	GA	255A	0000	USED	34-45-29, 84-43-59	81.5	9.5
WQMT	Chatsworth	GA	255A	3.00	LIC	34-45-29, 84-43-59	81.5	9.5
WQMT	Chatsworth	GA	255A	0.95	CP	34-44-34, 84-42-46	83.6	11.6
WAHR	Huntsville	AL	256C	100.	LIC	34-47-53, 86-38-24	95.0	-0.0



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